'Jeremiah'

John D. Hits Gloom Talk

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from the previous Liberal administration. And he repeatedly accused Mr. Pearson of "planting fear in the hearts of the people."

SPEECH DENOUNCED

"The speech he delivered today is not in keeping with his responsibility as leader of the opposition," Mr. Diefenbaker said following a strongly critical speech by Mr. Pearson lasting two hours and 20 minutes.

He described the speech as "cascades of verbosity and adjectival denunciation."

FEARFUL PROSPECTS

Mr. Pearson had "painted Canada as a place fearful in its prospects, frightening in its future."

The opposition leader had drawn a different picture of Canada in a Nov. 24 article for The Times of London in which he had written that Canadians had problems both domestic and international bu that "Canada's destiny is as bright as that of any country in the world."

"EXPORTING TRUTH"

Mr. Pearson was "exporting the truth," the prime minister said.

The speech which Mr. Pearson had delivered Monday "with such relish" should not have been made at a time when the Communists had launched an economic offensive throughout the free world.

The opposition leader was "endeavoring for political gain to frighten the Canadian people."

BANKS' OPTIMISM

Mr. Diefenbaker said that reports by both the Bank of Nova Scotia and Bank of Montreal had said Canada's recession was much less severe than that in the United States and had credited energetic government measures for that fact.

Mr. Diefenbaker said that the stimulus to housing and the increase in public works as a result of his government's policies produced tens of thousands of jobs.

The economic forecast supplied the government by the trade department said the gross national product—value of all goods and services produced—would be unchanged during 1958 or possibly rise by .7 per cent. In fact, it had risen by two per cent.

"With inflation," cried several opposition members.

FORECAST WRONG

The forecast was for a decline of 1.1 per cent in wages and salaries, the prime minister said, but instead they increased by 1.6 per cent or $300,000,000 while personal disposable income—the amount of money left after direct taxes—rose by $1,300,000,000 due largely to higher welfare payments. Interest, dividends and investments were up by $200,000,000 and other income was up 4.5 per cent.

WERNHER VON BRAUN

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Reds Can Hit Mars This Year

MIAMI BEACH (UPI) — Rocket scientist Dr. Wernher von Braun said yesterday the Russians could set up an unmanned space station on the moon or shoot a rocket to Mars this year.

"I doubt if we could do that," he said.

Von Braun warned that unless the United States steps up its missile program "we may find ourselves surrounded by several planets flying the hammer and sickle flag."

Honeymoon's Over Pearson Taunts Tories

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had shown "lamentable indecision" in dealing with grave economic issues.

Living costs were rising along with the number of jobless. The government had "fumbled" with the fires of inflation to the point where the $9-a-month old age pension boost granted in 1957 would be eaten away before the next general election.

The government's problem, he said, was that it viewed everything from the narrow point of political advantage. It had "elevated expediency into a national policy."

FAVORED FORMULA

"The favored formula . . . is to wait for a problem to become a crisis and then, cheerfully ignoring any commitment previously taken or promise made, to deal with it by hand-out or hold-off."

The Conservatives talked a lot about freedom.

"It is a time not so much for ringing declarations of freedom . . . as for policies of government which will make freedom work for the welfare, security and progress of men and women.

"Bread without freedom may be a stone, but freedom without bread and work to earn it is a mockery."

If Canada could not make freedom work, "then no declaration of words, however inspiring, will help us much or save us from some other form of government which will have more of compulsion than freedom about it."

At some points in his marathon speech—one of the longest he has made in the House — Mr. Pearson was interrupted by jibes and jeers from Conservatives. "Rot," said Finance Minister Fleming at one point. Trade Minister Churchill suggested the Liberals had "run away" from the economic problems facing the country.

Mr. Pearson said there appeared to be too great a determination among the Conservatives to lean on one man—presumably a reference to Mr. Diefenbaker—and to continue to find excuses by blaming the previous Liberal administration for Canada's troubles.

Win Armory Job

A bid of $69,999 by Hume & Rumble Ltd., 610 John has been accepted for the job of rewiring the Bay Street Armory.

It was the lowest of five bids opened by Defence Construction (1951) Ltd. at Ottawa.

Other firms and bids: Peterson Electrical Construction Co. Ltd., $73,740; Ricketts-Sewell Electric Ltd., $74,300; Mawson Gage Ltd., $78,077, and Canadian Comstock Co. Ltd., $78,100.

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Argue Says Tories Ignored Promises

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and, for agriculture, to provide parity prices and deficiency payments.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker at one point interjected that the report of a promise of deficiency payments on western wheat was "not based on fact." No such promise was made by him.

Mr. Argue lated quoted Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton as promising deficiency payments, but Mr. Hamilton said he had made no other promise than that the government would consider such payments.

Mr. Diefenbaker also denied reports quoting him as saying the question would receive "sympathetic consideration."

Inflation, Mr. Argue said, was eroding the purchasing power of old age pensions, family allowances, family savings and pension plans.

But the government had done nothing to curb inflation.

The tight money and the high interest rates of the Liberal government days had become tighter and higher.

The government had been "brave" in disallowing last spring a 3.6-per-cent increase in freight rates, but in November it had allowed a boost of 17 per cent.

Now it proposed steps "to alleviate" the discrimination that increase caused to people in the Maritimes and the West. Would these steps remove the discrimination entirely, or only part of it?

He received no reply.

City Silent Club Holds Banquet

Victoria's Silent Club, the organization for deaf persons, started its third year Saturday with a banquet attended by 40 persons, 14 from Vancouver.

Club member George Riley gave a talk on Victoria's history. Maureen Donald sang "God Save the Queen" in sign language.

Ship Calendar

Tuna Not Radioactive; Check Just 'Routine'

Check for radioactivity in 250 tons of frozen tuna from Japan was made here yesterday by a fisheries inspector—and nothing was found.

The cargo was unloaded from the freighter Elizabeth Bakke at Ogden Point docks.

King Bros. Ltd., ship agents, said the check was "normal routine" on all seafood caught in Pacific waters that conceivably could be affected by hydrogen bomb tests.

"There is no record of where the fish were caught," said a fisheries official. "We run a geiger counter over them—just to be very, very safe."

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Following an extensive refit, the frigate Ste. Therese will be recommissioned on Saturday in HMC Dockyard. Ceremonies marking raising of the White Ensign begin at 10.30 a.m., ending with traditional address to the ship's company by the commanding officer, Lt.-Cmdr. John Carling.

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The minesweeper Miramichi left Esquimalt yesterday on a five-day training cruise in local waters. She returns Friday.

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Bound for Halifax and service with Atlantic Command, the destroyer escorts Athabaskan and Cayuga sailed out of Esquimalt harbor for the last time yesterday.

"Goodbye and good hunting," was the message flashed from Rear Admiral H. S. Rayner, flag officer Pacific Coast.

Both ships were built after the war in Halifax shipyards and served over 10 years in this command. They were among the last of the famous Tribal class destroyers.

Both Athabaskan and Cayuga had three tours of Far East duty in the Korean War. They will be replaced by destroyer escorts of the St. Laurent class.

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Only merchant ship in port here is the Waihemo, loading 608,000 board feet of lumber for Australia.

The Archanax has left Cowichan Bay to complete loading 1,500,000 board feet of lumber for the Eastern seaboard of the U.S. Final loading starts today in New Westminster.

The Java Mail is at Tahsis loading pulp for Pakistan and newsprint for Hong Kong.

Other merchant shipping in up-Island ports includes Demeterton, Crofton; Baron Kinnaird, Chemainus; Geddington Court, Nanaimo; Barranduna and Glen Moore, Tahsis; La Bahia, Bessenggen and Folke Bernadotte, Alberni.

Weather Forecast

January 20, 1959

Wind warning in effect for Juan de Fuca Strait. Variable cloudiness with a few snow flurries. Colder, winds easterly 20. Precipitation Monday, nil. Sunshine, 7 hours 54 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures

High 48 Low 39

Forecast Temperatures

High 38 Low 35

Sunrise 7.58 Sunset 4.52

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Wind warning in effect for mainland inlets. Variable cloudiness with a few scattered snow flurries. Colder, winds northwesterly 15 except occasionally northeast 35 down mainland inlets and valleys. High and low at Nanaimo, 35 and 33.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Mainly clear. Little change in temperature. Winds northerly 15. High and low at Estevan Point, 45 and 37.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	25	27	.38
Montreal	1	22	.09
Ottawa	3	15	.18
Toronto	12	33	.19
North Bay	6	17	.23
Porth Arthur	—11	6	--
Kenora	—14	— 1	--
Winnipeg	—15	— 3	--
Brandon	—16	— 5	--
The Pas	—16	— 8	--
Regina	—13	— 6	.01
Saskatoon	—12	— 5	--
Prince Albert	—17	— 7	--
N. Battleford	—12	— 8	--
Swift Current	— 9	— 5	.05
Medicine Hat	— 6	— 1	.13
Lethbridge	— 3	4	.21
Calgary	— 5	3	.17
Edmonton	—11	— 3	.08
Kimberley	21	39	.01
Crescent Valley	26	39	.05
Kamloops	28	37	.01
Penticton	33	42	--
Vancouver	38	45	--
Prince Rupert	30	35	.05
Prince George	3	7	.07
Whitehorse	—31	—20	--
Seattle	35	46	--
Portland	33	46	.09
San Francisco	44	60	--
Los Angeles	52	60	--
Spokane	20	37	--
Chicago	16	28	--
New York	18	36	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA (Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
20	10.15	8.9	18.55	2.9				
21	10.55	8.6	19.27	2.5				
22	11.38	8.1	19.59	2.0				
23	05.32	8.3	07.41	8.1	12.22	9.2	20.32	1.7
24	06.09	8.2	08.25	7.9	13.04	9.1	21.06	1.7
25	06.11	8.2	09.10	7.5	13.53	8.9	21.42	1.8
26	05.52	8.3	09.58	7.1	14.46	8.6	22.20	2.2
27	05.35	8.4	10.50	6.6	15.46	8.1	22.57	2.8
28	05.01	8.5	11.45	6.0	16.51	7.5	23.36	3.6
29	06.33	8.8	12.44	5.4	18.03	6.9		
30	00.13	4.5	07.07	9.1	13.47	4.7	19.27	6.4
31	00.47	5.4	07.42	9.3	14.54	4.0	23.50	6.3

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR (Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
20	04.13	10.6	07.48	10.0	12.05	10.9	20.16	3.7
21	04.44	11.0	08.54	10.1	12.47	10.8	20.51	3.2
22	05.12	11.4	09.43	10.0	13.33	10.5	21.26	2.8
23	05.56	11.6	10.24	9.8	14.23	10.0	22.03	2.6
24	06.02	11.8	11.01	9.5	15.15	10.7	22.40	2.4
25	06.27	12.0	11.41	9.1	16.08	10.6	23.17	2.6
26	06.55	12.1	12.23	8.5	17.04	10.3	23.57	3.1
27	07.29	12.2	13.10	7.8	18.06	10.0		
28	00.34	3.9	07.52	12.2	14.02	7.1	19.14	9.5
29	01.16	3.0	08.23	12.2	14.54	6.3	20.34	9.1
30	01.56	6.2	08.55	12.1	15.53	5.4	22.13	9.0
31	02.42	7.4	09.28	12.0	16.52	4.6		

Today's Events

Institute of Power Engineers meets at 7.30 p.m. in the B.C. Electric Flame Room to hear H. A. Petroski, of Alchem Ltd., Vancouver, speak on "Caustic Embrittlement" . . . **Greater Victoria Celebrations Association** holds its annual meeting and election of officers at 8 p.m. at city hall . . . **Victoria Natural History Society** meets at 8 p.m. at the Provincial Museum for an illustrated lecture by A. H. Marrion on "The Work of the Glaciers As Seen In and Around Victoria."

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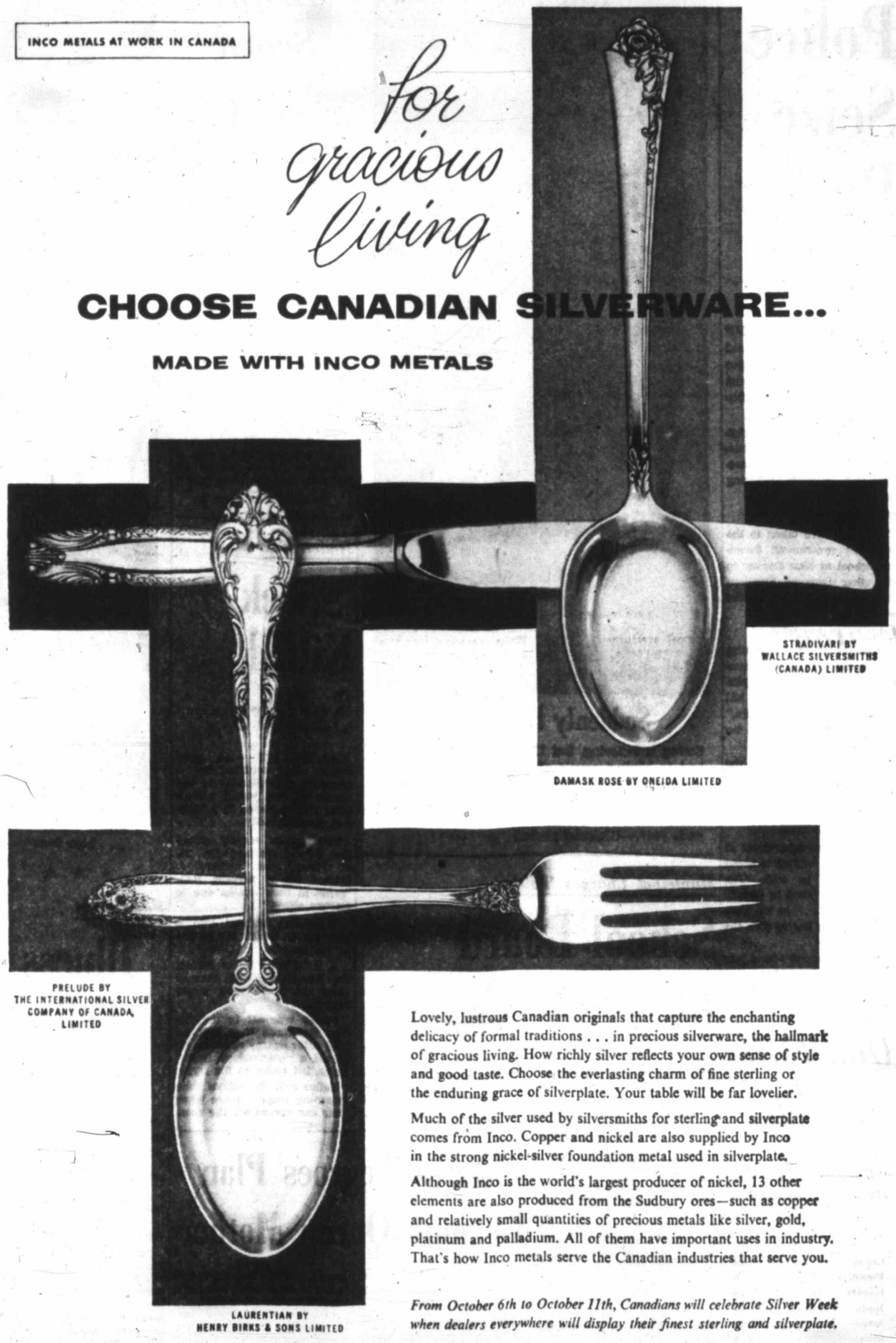

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